

Notes of a Naturalist

By Don Admiral,

Casa Grande National Monument, Arizona—Our usual plan, formulated through bucking Los Angeles traffic, is not to travel on Sundays or holidays, but we decided to take a chance while driving from the Grand Canyon to Casa Grande National Monument. Now we have to smile a little for the traffic in that out-of-the-way country did not begin to compare with a very light traffic day in Southern California. However, just north of Phoenix we viewed the result of the only accident we have seen so far; a large truck and a small car tangled, with the result that the truck turned completely over and the small car burned. It was something of a David and Goliath encounter, but David also met with disaster. Strewed along the highway were blocks of steaming "dry" ice, a product of our own desert country as this "ice" is made from carbon dioxide obtained from deep wells just south of Salton Sea.

At a service station in Chandler, Arizona, a young man attendant inquired where we had been and where we were going and when he learned we were on our way to Casa Grande National Monument asked why anyone should drive out of their way just to see some old adobe ruins. We asked him about the story back of the ruins but he was unable to tell us anything, and so to him Casa Grande National Monument will remain just an uninteresting adobe ruin as the story back of it brings it into the realm of importance.

The first glimpse of Casa Grande National Monument is obtained at a distance of some miles for above the main ruin a large protective steel roof has been erected and is visible for many miles. Beneath this roof may be seen the irregular outline of the ruin of the watchtower. Along the highway is a well constructed woven wire fence which caused me some wonderment until after we had turned into the grounds and I understood that it was necessary that

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High School Notes

An enthusiastic letter from Miss Eleanor Bird, instructor in music, has the following outline of music courses for the coming year that will be of interest to prospective students:

The music department of Banning Union High school will offer the following courses this year: Boys' chorus, girls' chorus, orchestra, beginning instruments, piano, and music appreciation.

The two choruses will work as individual units, but will be combined for such big programs as the operetta and the Christmas program.

In addition to the course in orchestra, a new course in beginning instruments will be offered to freshmen and sophomores. From this course will come future orchestra students. Instruction on string and wind instruments will be offered in this beginners' course.

The course in piano will be open to both beginners and advanced pupils.

A course in music appreciation has been planned. This course will be briefly in music history, but its main aim is to sharpen the students' discrimination between good and poor music.

All music courses will carry one unit of credit per year, and the student may elect music as many years as his program will allow it.

A series of monthly music programs, to which the public will be invited, is to be presented by the high school music students.

Miss Mabel Thayer will have charge of the work in mechanical and architectural drawing again this year, as she did some years ago. She is already outlining the work for the year and points out that boys who plan to enter scientific or trade vocations or who plan to enter any other vocation which would involve map or plan and blue print reading should take at least one year of mechanical drawing.

\$100,000 P.O. for Palm Springs Approved

A dispatch from Washington brings the good news that Palm Springs is on the approved list for a Federal building, to cost \$100,000 and it is listed as an "urgent" project.

Possibility that seven Riverside county cities may receive new post-office buildings within the near future was seen this week in recommendations of the house appropriations committee in Washington. At the same time opportunity for Riverside to obtain an increase in the appropriation for its new postoffice was indicated.

A \$100,000 Palm Springs postoffice was included on the house appropriations committee list of "urgent" projects for its \$70,000,000 public buildings program. Other postoffices proposed for the county were Beaumont, \$75,000; Arlington, \$75,000; Blythe, \$70,000; Elsinore, \$70,000; Indio, \$80,000; and Banning \$85,000. The deficiency bill includes a sum of \$23,000,000 for immediate construction of some of these.

It is believed that if a thorough investigation of the local situation is made by Congressman Sheppard and postal authorities, Palm Springs post-office will be the first on the list in Riverside county to be constructed.

The Palm Springs postoffice is unquestionably the most profitable of any on the Pacific coast, considering the operating expenses of the office here. It also has the greater percentage of increase in postal receipts. This increase has been steady for the past 10 or 12 years, without any decrease in any year under any preceding year. Thus it can be accurately ascertained that larger quarters must be had here.

The need for a larger building and more equipment is pressing, and that need is growing each season. It will be economy for the Federal government to build here as soon as possible, and thus avoid the expense of adding to the equipment in the present location.

Local People Have Narrow Escape

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Quackenbush had a narrow escape and a most harrowing experience on the desert during the hottest time of day, last Saturday, when their car stalled in the sand far from the beaten path, and they had to walk back to the village.

Saturday, which was one of the hottest days of the year, Mr. Quackenbush decided to drive out to the Thielman ranch, in Peaceful Valley, to attend to some business. Mrs. Quackenbush wanted to ride as far as the grocery store to get some groceries for dinner, and then decided to go the rest of the way, because it would be only a short ride of about a half hour.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush were hatless and were wearing shorts and sandals. After they had crossed the Palm Canyon Wash and arrived at the bench in Peaceful Valley, Mr. Quackenbush attended to his business matters at the ranch and they started back. Their car stalled in the sand in the valley, and they could not move it.

They walked about a mile and a half through the burning sands to the John Andreas ranch, but there was no one at home, and the heat there was more intense than in Peaceful Valley. They were forced to walk three or four miles more to Palm Springs, arriving at Casitas del Monte at 3:30, having walked in the sun for more than three hours. It is said their faces were as flushed as ripe tomatoes. The only serious damage came to Mr. Quackenbush when he attempted to sit on the running board of an abandoned car they found at the Andreas ranch, for he was dressed only in flimsy pants.

The Lions Club met at Harry's Cafe yesterday noon, with the usual good summer attendance.

Three large moving vans filled with furniture for the new Frank Pershing residence arrived here yesterday. It is reported that the fine new home will be elaborately furnished.

Sheppard Says High School Funds Coming

Congressman Harry R. Sheppard is doing his utmost to secure P.W.A. funds for the new high schools at Palm Springs and Banning. A telegram to Raymond Cree, president of the high school board tells of the progress that is being made in that direction. Following is the telegram:

"Have been in constant contact with P.W.A. on your project for past month. Entire P.W.A. program under consideration at present and no projects being formally approved until a definite program is worked out. When appropriation bill was passed I received assurance of administration that your project would be on preferred list. Have every reason to believe that assurance still stands good."

"HARRY R. SHEPPARD."

Mayor R. C. Sharp of Banning, member of the County Democratic Central Committee, received the following letter from Congressman Sheppard:

Washington, D. C., August 12, 1937.

Honorable Robert C. Sharp, Mayor, Banning, California.

Dear Bob:

I received your telegram which was also signed by Mr. Homer King, postmaster, with reference to the Banning High School project.

I have been keeping in constant contact with the Public Works Administration on this project for some time. The entire P.W.A. program is under consideration at the present time and no projects are being formally approved until a definite program is worked out.

When the P.W.A. appropriation bill was passed I received the assurance of the President that the Banning High School project would be on the preferred list and I have every reason to believe that this assurance still stands good.

Bob, I have been checking on this project and several others in the district most every day and I want to assure you that I am doing my utmost and feel certain that they will be approved within a very short time.

Yours sincerely,
HARRY R. SHEPPARD.

Mrs. Bunker Buys Brott Interest in Village Pharmacy

Mrs. Zaddie R. Bunker purchased the interest of Harry Brott in the Village Pharmacy, and she now owns the business alone. The drug store is located in her building.

Phil Quaglino, an energetic and courteous young man from Glendale, has been engaged to manage the store. He arrived here this week and has men at work making alterations and arranging the stock for the opening on September 1.

Mr. Quaglino has managed swanky pharmacies in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood. He knows the type of merchandise desired by the people of Palm Springs and he will stock just what they want. The fountain service will be featured as in the past. He will be joined here early in October by his wife and 19-months-old son.

New Construction At Smoke Tree Ranch

Three new guest houses and a 12-room building for help's quarters, to cost about \$17,000, are under construction on the Smoke Tree Ranch.

Contractor Bill Atkin started construction on the buildings on Wednesday, and they will be completed before the opening of the new season.

The architecture of the new structures will conform to the architecture of the other buildings.

Carl N. Clarke was arrested by local officers last Monday on the charge of petty theft. It is asserted he took a gun from the office of Attorney Horace Cook in the Carnell building.

C. I. O. Tunnel Workers Strike

The Strike Is On! Members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Local No. 270, walked off the job Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, when the swing shift was due to go to work, at the five camps on the San Jacinto tunnel: East and West Portals, Cabazon and Potrero Shafts, and Lawrence Adit. Maintenance crews and men who operate pumps remained at work.

Picket lines were immediately established at five points of operation and in front of the field headquarters building and machine shops in Banning.

Sheriff Carl Rayburn has brought 150 deputies to Banning and the men have been stationed at the camps. Banning police force now numbers about 40 men.

Announcement of resumption of work was made by B. C. Leadbetter, chief engineer in Banning for the water district. He said tunnel driving had been resumed at Cabazon and concrete work was starting up again at the Potrero shaft, two of the major projects on the aqueduct, still 20 months from completion.

In Banning hospital, D. D. Smith, a picket, was declared recovering nicely from wounds received in a flareup at the Cabazon picket line late Wednesday night.

Press dispatches and radio news broadcasters report that two shots were fired as Mr. and Mrs. George Coverdale were ordered off the property of the Metropolitan Water district in Banning as they attempted to take pictures. Officers state that two shots were fired in the air by someone, who evidently wanted to have a "little fun." Mr. and Mrs. Coverdale edit the "Banning Bulletin," a small mimeographed paper. They were employed on The Desert Sun three years ago.

The situation became serious late Monday afternoon when there were numerous reports of violence and threats of intimidation. Union officers state their men have orders to refrain from violence and to obey the law.

Hopes Men Will Return

Assistant General Manager J. L. Burkholder said yesterday that each day more strikers are returning to their work. "I still have hopes that more of the men will realize the futility of remaining out on strike and will return to their work. I am very sorry that this strike has occurred, and I hope it will not be necessary for us to bring in men to replace those who refuse to return to their jobs. The district cannot accede to the strikers' demands, and of course, we must keep the job going."

Don Kinsey, assistant general manager for the water district, said 400 men have remained at work on the tunnel project, on a non-union basis. W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the district's board of directors, said the district cannot enter into any agreement which will limit or restrict the right of citizens qualified for work on the project to obtain employment.

Union Expects Victory

Union officials deny their ranks are weakening. They state 1300 men are out on strike and that they are receiving ample assistance to continue the strike until they win. To corroborate this statement, Secretary R. W. Randolph made public the following letter:

Mr. Randolph:
Dear Bro.:

We see by the papers you have been forced out on strike. A meeting held in Mono Basin tonight (August 16), voted \$1.00 assessment to support your strike.

Check each pay day starting August 25 until you have settled. Would like all information you can send us. Wishing you a speedy victory.

J. R. BUTLER.

Union Issues Statement

R. T. Randolph, chairman of the strikers' publicity committee, yesterday issued the following statement:

"Tension increased in Banning last night as hundreds of peaceful pickets watched truckloads of armed men enter the aqueduct camps while the streets of the city rapidly filled with state highway patrolmen and police from as far west as Glendale. All picket lines were reinforced while Ray Livingston, chairman of the strike committee, stated, 'Picket lines will continue peaceful as heretofore. Introducing armed thugs can't drill that

Sun Spots

(By Carl Barkow)

Can it be possible that Riverside county has no good men for state or federal appointments? Another San Bernardino county man received the highest Federal position in Southern California that can be bestowed by the President; viz: the office of United States district attorney. Ben Harrison is a good man and an excellent attorney; and I merely call attention to the fact that he is from San Bernardino county because so many important places are filled by men from that county.

Federal Judges Bledsoe and Curtis, Former U. S. District Attorney A. W. McNabb, Rex Goodcell, and Ray Riley are a few of the names that come to mind, of San Bernardino county men who received choice political plums. How many Riverside county men can you think of who have been thus rewarded?

Last week, before the appointment of Ben Harrison, I called attention to the fact that San Bernardino county gets the plums because the people of that county unite on one man or one project, and support their requests with a united front, while the communities of this county fail to co-operate with each other when it is a matter of getting something for the county.

Stop Wild Horses From Roaming In Village

Palm Springs will no longer be bothered by wild horses wandering into the village from the reservation.

Under the direction of H. H. Quackenbush, federal officer in charge of the reservation, Section 26, which is at the mouth of Palm Canyon, has been fenced on three sides, opening only into the canyon.

There are about 75 wild horses in the canyon, and a large number of wild cattle. The horses are so wild that when the Indians on horseback try to drive the herd, the stallions rear up on their hind legs and fight the riders with their fore-feet, in an effort to protect the mares. The animals are sleek and fat because of the abundance of feed in the canyon.

When the Indians want beef, they ride into the canyon and rope a young bull or heifer. The cattle and horses belong to the local tribe.

In years gone by the horses have come into the village at night, destroying valuable plants, trees and shrubbery. Even low fences have not kept them out in some cases.

Large Real Estate Deals Now In Escrow

It is reported that Archie O. Palmer and his associate, Walter Z. Allen, have two large real estate deals in escrow. When asked yesterday by a Desert Sun reporter, Mr. Palmer stated he could not divulge the nature of the deals, nor the names of the buyers and sellers, until the escrow is closed.

Mr. Palmer stated that there is an exceptionally strong demand for residence and business leases, because people who plan to be here next season are making arrangements early. He urged the importance of owners to list their properties for lease with brokers at once, so that applicants can be satisfied. He has his office, opposite the Desert Inn, open daily.

Ted Zschokke, formerly of Palm Springs, has returned to his home in Riverside after his operation for appendicitis. In a week he expects to take up his national history project with the N. Y. A. in the Riverside schools.

Tax Rate Here Is Same as Last Year

The Palm Springs tax rate this year is \$4.50 per \$100 assessed valuation, for all county and district purposes. This is the same rate as last year.

The county rate is 40 cents higher, but the rate for local districts is 40 cents lower, so the total rate remains the same. Here are the figures as compiled by Frank V. Shannon, local assessor:

	1936-7	1937-8
General Fund	262	346
Salary Fund	330	382
Hospital Fund	282	318
Welfare and Relief	277	477
Court House Bonds and Interest	607	606
Highway Bonds and Interest	672	683
Unappropriated Reserve	628	640
Hospital Building	142	148
Total County Rate	1.40	1.80
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Police Protection	37	30
Fire Protection	35	33
Sanitary District	40	35
R. D. 1. 16 (Only Real Estate)	76	41
Elementary School	69	60
High School	40	54
Elementary School Bonds and Interest	64	65
High School Bonds and Interest	64	68
Junior College	65	64
Total	4.50	4.50

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Guild were in Banning Wednesday evening to attend the twentieth (china) wedding anniversary of Mr. Guild's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Guild.

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The Editorial Circuit Rider

Far-reaching consequences may result from the resumption of hostilities between Japan and China, many California editors believed. Savage fighting between the two nations in the North China area brought warnings that the United States should immediately recognize "this is not our fight" and stay out at all costs. More than a few thought Peiping may well become the Far Eastern "powder keg."

"Events are moving swiftly toward war in China," declares the Willows Journal. "Japan's war council has convened at Tokyo; London is concerned; in Washington, President Roosevelt was so much disturbed over the Far Eastern situation that he abandoned his week-end cruise and remained at the White House. China, apparently, is no longer a sleeping, helpless giant. Its resistance to Japan has been deadly in its effectiveness."

"Japanese preparations for an invasion of North China are being carried out on too large a scale to lead anyone to believe the fighting there is merely by way of reprisal against Chinese depredations," asserts the Santa Rosa Republican. "The Japanese obviously are going there to stay, probably to annex a good share of the North China provinces. The United States might as well forget about her moral obligation to act as peacemaker in the Orient. Uncle Sam will get nobody's thanks for attempting to stop the conquest of China. He could not stop it without actually going to war and Japan knows he will not do that."

"If that is not war in and around ancient Peiping, what is it?" inquires

"The Good Earth" Comes to Banning Screen With Paul Muni and Luise Rainer in Roles Familiar to Prize-Winning Novel's Millions of Readers



PAUL MUNI AND LUISE RAINER

The dramatic story of China's teeming millions, their struggles, their hardships, and the intensely human heartbeat of the great and little known nation, is transcribed from Pearl S. Buck's epic novel and the stage adaptation by Owen Davis and Donald Davis to the talking screen in "The Good Earth," starring Paul Muni and Luise Rainer, and opening Sunday for three days at the Banning Theatre.

Fruit of four years of research and preparation, of the work of a film expedition that passed a year in China filming exteriors, studying details and bringing back thousands of authentic properties—the picture in which thousands of Oriental players appear—is one of the most gigantic tasks ever undertaken by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Sidney Franklin directed the ambitious production, filmed on locations covering hundreds of acres on which farm villages, towns, and even a large city in China were reproduced.

Muni plays Wang Lung the farmer. Star of "Louis Pasternak," "I Am a Fugitive," and other distinguished screen character roles, his new Chinese characterization in "The Good Earth" is one of his most outstanding feats.

Luise Rainer, Viennese heroine of "Escapade" and the Anna Held of "The Great Ziegfeld," plays the intensely dramatic role of the wife, O-Lan.

Prominent players in the large supporting cast include Walter Connolly as the uncle, the European dancer Tilly Losch, as Lotus, Charley Grapewin as the old father, Jessie Ralph as Cuckoo, Soo Yong as the aunt, Keye Luke as the elder son, Roland Lui as the younger son, Suzanna Kim as Little Fool, Chingwah Lee as Ching, Harold Huber as the cousin, Olaf Hytten as the grain merchant, William Law as the gateman and Mary Wong as the little bride.

General Theodore Lu, loaned by the Chinese government as technical aide, traveled all over the Pacific coast with Muni, recruiting Chinese players from among farmers, business folk and others who spoke English. More than three hundred tests were made. Aside from the nine principal characters there are 68 speaking parts, all filled by Chinese players most of whom never appeared before a camera previously, and thousands of extras.

The story of "The Good Earth" deals with Wang Lung, a poor farmer who is given O-Lan, a slave girl, for wife. Her devotion and tireless effort help him to prosper. The famine destroys the farmers and Wang and O-Lan go to the city. The Republican uprising makes the city a turmoil and during the mob hysteria O-Lan succeeds in getting jewels from a looted house. The jewels make them wealthy. They return to their village in which Wang becomes an overlord. Then he takes a second wife and apes other tricks of the rich, to find, on the death of the faithful first wife, the estrangement of his son, and other evils, that his life as a farmer was all that counted.

"Marry The Girl," a rollicking farce-comedy into which Warner Bros. have put a wealth of funny players, has been booked as the second attraction at the Banning Theatre with "The Good Earth."

Rarely does any movie have a cast including such top-rankers as Frank McHugh, Hugh Herbert, Mary Boland, Mischa Auer, Alan Mowbray, Allen Jenkins, Carol Hughes, Olin Howland, Teddy Hart, Hugh O'Connell, Charles Judels and Louise Stanley.

Pete Smith's "Sports On Ice" and Fox Super News complete the bill.

the Pasadena Star News. "Certainly it is a perfect imitation of war. Americans and other foreigners in Peiping are endangered. Steps have been taken to protect these Americans and other subjects of western nations. But the situation is full of desperate and dreadful possibilities. Japan is bent on spreading its empire on the Asiatic mainland. Its people are hungry and thirsting for more territory to occupy, and exploit and to provide more abundantly for their maintenance. China realizes that it must fight for its empire; that it must risk all to preserve itself from being subjugated, its empire dismembered and its people placed in vassalage."

"While the situation in China has eased since this 'Chiang Kai Shek' statement declaration of independence was uttered and it was reported from Tokyo that Chinese troops of the 29th army were quietly withdrawing from their positions in the Peiping war zone, it is a dark and solemn hour for China," said the Berkeley Daily Gazette, "and no one can foretell when hostilities will be resumed. It is not our fight, and Americans, for many reasons, must remain neutral. But we are bound to recognize and admire the nobility and courage of this declaration."

"The familiar cartoon of a uniformed Japan digging ironshod heels into the stomach of a helpless, recumbent China replaced the war specter which had been hovering over the Far East since early in July," comments the Santa Barbara News-Press. "Out of this localized warfare may be drawn the conclusion that Chiang Kai Shek still feels himself to be a weak one against the highly organized (strong man of China) militarism of Japan. It is likely Chiang would have risked defying Japan had he received any encouragement from the United States and Great Britain. As it was, he felt no doubt that a few more concessions made were better, however shameful and costly in 'face,' than a campaign ending in complete victory for Japan."

HEAVIER RAILS PAVE WAY FOR STREAMLINERS

A lot of steel has passed under the wheels every time you hear the frequent "click" which is a traditional part of railroad travel.

With heavy modern rails now in use on all main lines, every set of clicks means that the wheels have passed over from 1400 to 1700 pounds of steel, according to Southern Pacific.

In 1869 the first transcontinental railroad was laid with rails weighing only 50 pounds per yard. These continued to be standard as late as 1903. But as train speeds began to increase and equipment became larger and heavier, the need for heavier rails became apparent.

Since that time the weight per yard has been consistently increased until today rails on straight track are ordinarily 112 pounds per yard, and on curves, 131 pounds per yard. The old 50-pound rails weighed only 88 tons per mile of track, in contrast to over 197 tons for the modern 112-pound rail, and over 320 tons per mile for the 131-pound rail.

Today's heavy rails, Southern Pacific points out, are largely responsible for the top notch safety record of Class 1 railroads which has been maintained even though modern streamliners now travel at speeds around 100 miles an hour and all other types of trains move on greatly accelerated schedules.

IDYLLWILD ROAD TRAFFIC COUNT

August 13, noon to 8 p. m., Banning to Idyllwild, 2 cars; Idyllwild to Banning 6 cars; passengers 12.

August 14, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., 7 cars to Idyllwild, 6 cars to Banning, passengers 29.

Comments heard: "Very scenic drive, but road rough and narrow."

The idea that people who live in auto trailers pay no taxes is a false one, says a politician. Well, if it isn't—soon will be.—Judge.

Washington Correspondence

Congressman Harry R. Sheppard has requested that the National Labor Relations Board define "agricultural labor" as the term is used in the National Labor Relations Act. "I have written Chairman Madden urging the board to define the term 'agricultural labor,'" stated Mr. Sheppard. "Labor and employers are entitled to have this matter cleared without the cost or necessity of a long drawn out case being carried before the board."

The text of Congressman Sheppard's letter to Chairman Madden read:

August 13, 1937.

"Honorable J. Warren Madden, Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mr. Madden: I have carefully examined numerous requests asking for a ruling from your board defining 'agricultural labor' as that term is used in Section 2 (3) of the National Labor Relations Act.

"The necessity for this ruling is immediate and pressing on behalf of a great number of people both from my district and state, as well as the whole territory involved. Large numbers of my constituents are affected either as employees or employers, and the uncertainty occasioned by this indefinite wording should be immediately cleared up. The delay incident to awaiting the actual presentation of the question by a case before the board will be highly expensive and detrimental to the welfare of these people.

"It is respectfully requested that the board make its ruling, defining 'agricultural labor' in the manner and to the extent set forth in the requested filed by the committee.

"Please advise me when this can be acted upon by your body and whether a hearing will be called. I would appreciate your advising me from time to time any developments in this matter.

"Sincerely yours,
"HARRY R. SHEPPARD."

Review of the Week

Supreme Court Appointment: Overshadowing everything else in Washington during the past week was the surprise appointment of Senator Black, Alabama liberal, to the Supreme Court bench. His confirmation seems to be a foregone conclusion, but there is some doubt as to the legality of the appointment, in view of his vote in favor of the Retirement of Judges Act, which might be interpreted as increasing the emolument of office.

Wage and Hour Bill: The Administration continued to be battered around by both chambers of Congress, but the biggest blow seems to be the rather startling action of the Rules Committee in failing to call a meeting to grant a rule for the Wage-Hour measure. The Rules Committee has always been considered the Administration stronghold in Congress, and despite repeated cues from the White House that this is "must" legislation, Chairman O'Connor is unable to muster a majority of the committee to grant the rule. At a late hour last night, Congressional leaders had practically admitted defeat on the measure.

Housing: There seems to be much resentment in Administration circles over the failure of the House Banking and Currency Committee to take speedy action on the Steagall housing bill. It is impossible for it to hit the floor before next week, and when it does it will be greatly changed from the measure as it passed the Senate. There is now a possibility that this measure may join the Farm, Wage-Hour and Anti-Lynching measures as matters to be considered in the next session.

Tax Evasion: International co-operation as a possible means of forestalling evasion and tax avoidance was advocated by Undersecretary of the Treasury Magill during hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee. He said that the State Department had discussed the possibilities of treaties with foreign powers for the exchange of tax information. Canada already has signified its willingness to join in such a pact, Magill declared.

Farm Debt Shift: Donald C. Horton, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, declared that there has been a marked shift in farm mortgage indebtedness during the past seven years from private to government credit agencies. He said that \$1,500,000,000 was wiped off the farm real estate debt from January 1, 1930, to January 1, 1935.

Cotton Loans: President Roosevelt yesterday told a Senate delegation headed by Senator Bilbo (D-Miss) that he would make immediate loans on cotton to farmers who pledged themselves to comply with the Administration's surplus crop control program.

It's all right to lend money to kin-folks if you'll first deduct simple interest at 5 per cent for 20 years. —

Supervisors Adopt County Tax Rate

By unanimous vote the board of supervisors Monday approved the 1937-38 fiscal budget and authorized a \$1.80 tax rate, a boost of 40 cents per \$100 assessed valuation over the 1936-37 county rate.

The new rate will raise \$3,152,961, approximately \$800,000 more than the actual expenditure of \$2,352,961 of the 1936-37 fiscal year.

In approving the budget, the board made only two small alterations, neither of which altered the rate as presented by Auditor Ray Hicks. No one appeared before the supervisors to protest any of the several increases over last year's budget.

In setting the tax rate, the board also established rates for the various schools and for special assessment districts. All of these had been filed by the respective trustees and no alterations were made by the supervisors.

Continuance of an engineer at the prison camp was authorized by unanimous approval after Surveyor A. C. Fulmor recommended the continuance of the office on the basis of economy. He declared that road construction expense would be kept at a minimum by having an engineer in constant supervision of the Banning-Idyllwild highway grading.

Just previous to his seconding Supervisor Talbot's motion for adoption of the budget, Supervisor Stanfield discussed with the board the cuts in the hospital building budget they had previously made from the original tentative budget. Stanfield is chairman of the supervisors' hospital committee. No action was taken however.

The 1937-38 tax rate as broken down by Auditor Hicks as compared with similar 1936-37 tabulation follows:

Fund	1937-38	1936-37
General	\$.346	\$.262
Salary	.382	.330
Hospital	.318	.282
Welfare and Relief	.477	.277
Court House Bond-Int.	.096	.007
Hwy. Imp. Bond-Int.	.083	.072
Unapprop. Reserve	.040	.028
Hospital Building	.148	.142
Total	\$1.80	\$1.40

The largest increase, welfare and relief, was caused primarily by more liberal laws by the state legislature. Replacement of county employees' salaries on the pre-depression level caused most of the rise in the general and salary funds.

It is recalled that a few years ago we were told that income taxes would abolish all other taxes. Notice it?—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

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JORDANS TO BUILD COURT IN CATHEDRAL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jordan of the Palm Springs Liquor Store were here for a few days this week from their Balboa home. They are planning to build a small bungalow court in Cathedral City early this fall, to have it ready before the opening of the season.

Leroy Mills, who lived here last season, will be the local manager of the liquor store, which will open September 1st. Mr. Mills is a courteous gentleman, and he has many friends here. Mrs. Mills will also engage in business here, and will establish a dress shop in the location occupied the past few years by Phelps-Terkel, south of the Palm Springs Drug Co.

Germans have been exhorted to chew their food longer for the sake of national economy. What if you're trying to manage a hot potato.—Portland (Me.) Evening Express.

NEW STYLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE DUE

California motorists applying for original or renewal operator's license on and after August 27 will receive the new type photostatic license, good for four years. The new license is about the same size as the old ones, but instead of being a typed form, is a photostatic of the application for driving privileges.



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Economic Highlights

Not since 1917 has a major nation declared war. Yet in the intervening years there have been a number of far-reaching, sanguinary conflicts. What might be termed Mars' modern technique does not require a formal declaration of war—armies are mobilized, soldiers and civilians are slaughtered, cities are devastated and governments change even while, officially speaking, actual war does not exist.

In Italy's Ethiopian campaign, for example, war was not declared—but the result of the invasion was to eliminate the Ethiopian Monarchy and make the country into an Italian colony governed by the Italian Military. Russia and France have not declared war on the Spanish Insurgents, nor have Italy and Germany broken off relations with the Spanish government—yet it is no secret that Franco's cause has been kept alive with the aid of German and Italian troops and equipment, while the government forces would have collapsed long since had it not been for Russian airplanes and armaments and French military experts. Today in the Far East the world is again witnessing a war without a declaration of war that is of the utmost significance not only to the nations involved, but to the Western World as well.

Japan has gone to the limit in recent years to build up her army and navy. For a small country, she has an amazing military machine, far superior to that of the Chinese—though China herself has made progress in unifying and strengthening the country. China's greatest weakness has always been the corruption of her local governments—as Oswald Garrison Villard has written, "The purchasing of Chinese statesmen and generals is Japan's long suit; it has advanced her and her policy of conquest far more rapidly than have her rifles and cannon." The central, Nanking government has usually proven unable to control the superabundant local War Lords—each with his own interest at heart and each suspicious of the others. The situation as it exists in China, is as if each American state governor had a great private army which he could use for any purpose he wishes, even to the extreme of fighting the armies of neighboring governors.

As a consequence, plus Japan's far more efficient and modern war machines, it is believed certain that the Japanese will encounter relatively little trouble in conquering the north provinces. She will take over cities and accomplish destruction on a vast scale, and probably replace present local governments with puppet Chinese governments controlled by the Japanese, as she did in Manchuria. But in the long run, Japan's chances of success are dubious. China is a tremendous country, with the largest population in the world. Not since the dawn of history has it been permanently conquered—over a period of many years, the invaders intermarry with the Chinese and are virtually swallowed by the immense country. China has more than half a billion people as against Japan's 75,000,000.

Furthermore, it seems inconceivable that Japan will be permitted by other powers to advance unhindered into China. Russia is strongly anti-Japanese and will, if matters go far enough, throw her resources to the side of China. And if it came down to a Russo-Japanese war, most military experts think the bear would win.

England will attempt to limit Japan's conquest in the interest of her own trade, and so, in all probability, will the United States and France. And lastly, it is a question whether Japan's financial resources are sufficient to stand a long struggle—today more than 50 per cent of her government's budget is earmarked for the army and navy, and she has a soaring national debt.

So here is another grave threat to world peace—the gravest, perhaps that has yet appeared. Whether war is actually declared is only of theoretical importance—to all intents and purposes a major war is now underway in the Far East, and interests directly affecting every nation in the world are involved.

A Business Week survey shows that business activity averaged 10 per cent higher in the first six months of 1937 than in the same period last year.

Steel production rose 35 per cent; automobile production 12 per cent; residential construction 54 per cent; lumber production 8 per cent; electric power output 13 per cent; factory payrolls 29 per cent and factory employment 13 per cent.

Farm prices rose 18 per cent; construction costs zoomed 13 per cent; and department store prices upped 7 per cent. Stocks averaged 18 per cent and bonds 2 per cent higher.

Former Residents Are Killed in Auto Crash

In reporting the death of Mrs. E. L. McCartney on July 4th, the reporter for this newspaper failed to note the quotation marks in the letter containing the information, which came to this newspaper from Mrs. Fred Payne Clatworthy. Mrs. Clatworthy quoted from Rev. John McCartney's letter to her that they, the Macartneys, were in Lake Placid, N. Y., when Mrs. McCartney died. This newspaper said the Clatworthys were there. Mrs. Clatworthy wrote from Estes Park, Colorado, this week, in which she made the following comments:

"Don't you know that we are working our heads off on July 4th in the Clatworthy Studios, so that we can loaf all winter in Palm Springs?"

She also submitted the following news item:

"About June 20 Miss Blanche Bugh and Mrs. Ted Huntington, who occupied the Stuart Abbott home in Palm Springs last winter, and became endeared to many of the townspeople, were instantly killed en route to Estes Park (where they had a summer home) from Columbus, Ohio, their home. They ran into a gas train."

DESERT AIRPORT BILL APPROVED

The Sheppard-Thomas bill authorizing lease or sale of the Palm Springs airport to Riverside county was passed by the senate Saturday and the house of representatives on Monday, according to word received from Congressman Harry R. Sheppard.

In order to expedite passage of the bill in the house the senate bill was substituted for Sheppard's bill. It needs now only to be signed by the President, as its sponsors are confident it will be in the next few days.

The movement to have the airport leased or sold to the county was begun by Palm Springs which, because it was unincorporated, could not obtain control of it except through the county. The board of supervisors approved the project about two months ago and immediately called it to the attention of congressmen.

The bill calls for the use of Indian lands belonging to the Agua Caliente Indians for the project, which will give Palm Springs an airport adequate for all its needs.

Supervisor Robert E. Dillon of the fourth district expressed pleasure when told that the bill had reached the President's desk.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams were here for a few hours yesterday while Mr. Williams looked after business interests. They had spent Wednesday night in Beaumont, and left last evening for the beach, where they will spend the remainder of the month. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and their three children left on July 6th, immediately after the organization meeting of the new high school board, on a vacation trip in the High Sierra. Mr. Williams caught one of the largest trout of the season in the Truckee river just below Lake Tahoe. It weighed 54 pounds and was 25 inches long. He had caught another one in the same pool which he thought was equally as large, but while trying to land the fish with his dip-net he slipped and fell into the swift flowing stream, and thus lost it.

The Naturalist

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the public be restrained from general access to the area which contains not one but a number of old ruins.

The Indians who built and lived at Casa Grande are known as the Hohokam, which means "departed man" and is the name given these people by their probable descendants the Pima Indians now living in this general section. The Pima Indians do not seem able to give any information about the Hohokams and the beams used in the floor construction of Casa Grande were destroyed by fire and pilfered by early campers for campfire wood, thus eliminating the evidence which would allow Casa Grande to be dated accurately by the "tree-ring" method. However, it is believed to date in the same period with other and similar ruins in Arizona and New Mexico. Casa Grande is referred to as of adobe construction, but it would be more accurate to state it is of mud construction as adobe bricks such as we know were not used. At a depth of a few feet in this section is a clay that was dug by the Indian squaws, mixed into mud and then worked into a wall. By this method layers of about two feet in height and several feet in thickness were built and then allowed to dry before another layer was added so the weight of the overlying layer could be carried by the dried underlying layer. In this way pueblos were built. There are several in Casa Grande National Monument; the plan of building is a surrounding protecting wall and inside this were located the homes and storage bins for grain of the Indians. Near the center of the pueblos a water tower was erected and Casa Grande is the name given to the ruins of a four story watch tower in one of the pueblos.

The Hohokam Indians were agricultural and brought in irrigation water for many miles. They raised corn, squash and long staple cotton. Their plan and form of dwelling seems to have been greatly influenced by the necessity of protecting their harvested crops from other Indians. Hence, the wall about their dwellings and the large watch tower to be used as a fortification in case of attack. Irrigation is practiced in this section today by the white farmers, who are carrying on along the same lines of endeavor as those practiced by the Hohokam Indians.

NEW BUICK ON DISPLAY AT DESERT INN GARAGE

A beautiful new Buick special convertible coupe is on display at the Desert Inn Garage, and is attracting considerable attention. Still more improvements have been made during the past week at the newly rebuilt garage. A refrigerated sanitary drinking fountain was installed. The garage also has modern rest-rooms that are kept clean at all times.

If you can't speak well of your fellowman, let him do the talking.—Los Angeles Times.

The Laws We Live By

By CLEM WHITAKER

The governor of California receives a salary of \$10,000 per year—\$40,000 for his four-year term, plus certain perquisites of the office which bring the grand total to about \$60,000.

But candidates for governor, next year, will spend more than a cool million (with the aid of their campaign organizations) battling for the job!

Being No. 1 Man in California costs real money. And gubernatorial campaign costs have more than doubled in the last few years.

Here's a snap estimate—leaning to the side of conservatism—on probable campaign expenditures in California's 1938 governorship tilt:

Primary election—Two major Democratic candidates (\$150,000 each), \$300,000; minor Democratic candidates (four or five), \$150,000; two major Republican candidates (\$150,000 each), \$300,000; minor Republican candidates (one or two), \$50,000.

General election—Democratic nominee, \$200,000; Republican nominee, \$200,000; third party nominee, \$75,000. Grand total, \$1,275,000!

Jack Dempsey, greatest box office attraction in the history of the prize ring, created the first "million dollar gate" for the fight moguls, but none other than Upton ("End Poverty") Sinclair first turned the trick in California politics.

Until Sinclair—zealot, master propagandist and superb showman—bopped onto the scene, governorship campaigns in California were comparatively conservative, costing everyone concerned not more than \$300,000. One governor was even elected a few years back for the nominal sum of \$75,000.

But Upton Sinclair, whipping his followers into a political frenzy which made old-timers gasp in sheer admiration, changed all that. Running as the poor man's candidate, chiding the "malefactors of great wealth" and promising to end poverty in California, he brought more campaign dollars rolling into headquarters than any other candidate ever had attracted in the state's history.

And except for the fact that the sponsors of Governor Frank Finley Merriam doubled all bets—piling up a bigger fund than even the amazing Sinclair could amass—Sinclair might have been governor. It was a prodigious campaign, costing probably \$2-

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600,000, if the war chests of both camps had been totaled.

Since that date, California politics have never been the same. But there are other reasons for mounting campaign costs. In olden days, the Republican nomination was tantamount to election. In the present era, the run-off at the general election is more hazardous and more expensive than the inter-party fights at the primary.

At any rate, 1938 promises "a million dollar gate" in the gubernatorial show. And if a leftist Democrat should be nominated, it may go far beyond that, paralleling the Sinclair-Merriam clash of 1934.

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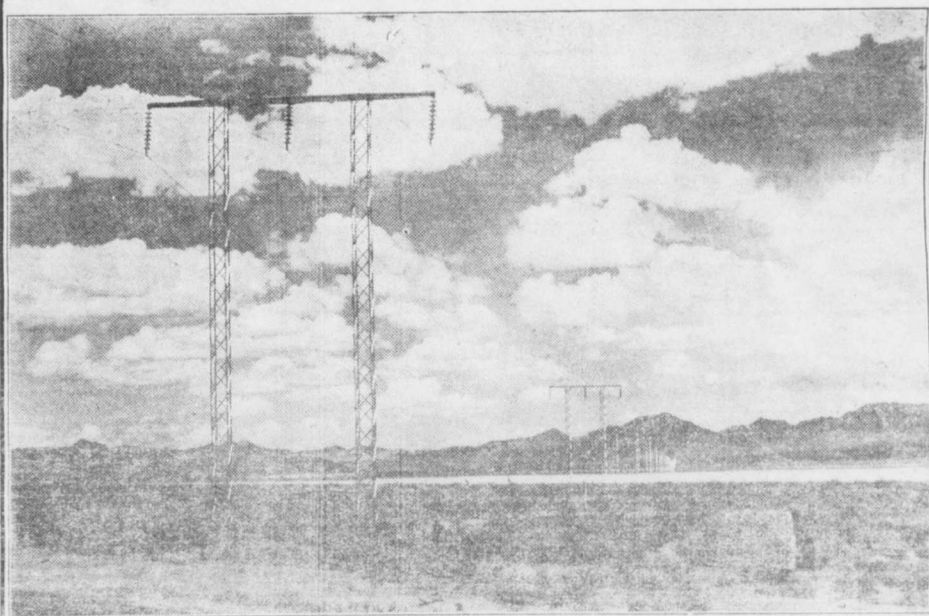
There will be men's and women's golf prizes.

THE WAY IT GOES

Called on to make a speech after a banquet, a guest arose and, remarking that he really had nothing to say, sat down again. In similar circumstances most after-dinner orators don't sit down; they just go on saying it.—Humorist.

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STRIKE

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attacked swore to complaints, and warrants have been issued by Judge Fredericks for the arrest of the accused. Police officers are now searching for the men.

Police Promise Protection

"We will make every effort to protect every resident of Banning in his home or on the streets," said Chief of Police Miller yesterday, "and I believe we now have sufficient officers to give that protection."

Liquor Stores Closed

All liquor dealers, cooperating with state and county authorities, closed their places of business at 3 p. m. Tuesday. Opening will not occur until authorized. When the strike started, liquor vending ceased at 10 p. m. instead of at the legal hour of 2 a. m. Now it is 24-hour closure.

Credit has been curtailed in local trade channels in many instances.

The city is being patrolled by many police. Some are from Riverside county points; others from the metropolitan area.

There has been little evidence of misuse of liquor by individuals. Drunkenness on the streets has been rare since the strike hour sounded, Saturday evening.

Children should be kept off the streets. In the emergency of the hour motorists may drive fast.

Strikers remain calm except when some unforeseen development occurs. Then there is a ripple of excitement.

The picket lines on South San Geronimo avenue are attracting the most attention of Banning citizens. Most of the time the large area between San Geronimo and First, north of the S. P. depot, is filled with strikers' cars while pickets are stationed in front of the aqueduct headquarters buildings.

Strikers Are Arrested

Ted Boehme and Jay Bird, arrested following the asserted beating of men dragged from an auto at Cabazon, after they had left the East Portal tunnel Monday afternoon, face felony charges of assault with deadly weapons. They are alleged to have used rocks in damaging the automobile and in wounding the occupants.

Boehme and Bird were arraigned before Justice J. J. Fredericks in the San Geronimo township court Tuesday afternoon with at least 100 strike sympathizers and others packing the courtroom. They will be in court September 10 for jury trial.

Ernest E. (Blackie) Morganti, a member of the strike committee appointed by Local 270, T. S. and A. W., pleaded not guilty to unlawful picketing and also demanded a jury trial. The case was set for Sept. 14.

A. L. Marksbury, arrested on a picket line at the Cabazon tunnel, pleaded not guilty to violation of the county ordinance. He was ordered to appear in court Sept. 14.

John Brophy, pleading not guilty to a charge of assault and battery, will be given jury trial Sept. 17. He assertedly beat H. J. Barnard, an aqueduct worker.

Harry Gould Tuesday afternoon was charged with violating the picketing ordinance, but denied the allegation and will be given jury trial on Sept. 21.

Set Bail at \$500

All these men were released on orders of Justice Fredericks when they posted \$500 bail bonds.

E. Koley, H. W. Cloud and Robert Flint, all of Banning, were arrested on Fourth street, near Livingston yesterday morning on charge of disturbing the peace and interfering with sheriff's officers who were escorting aqueduct workers to their jobs.

They were arraigned before Justice J. J. Fredericks yesterday afternoon, and pleaded not guilty and asked for jury trial. Judge Fredericks released them under \$300 bail for each and set the trial for 10 a. m., Friday, September 3.

Attorney Charles Astel, of the International Labor Defense office in Los Angeles, was here to represent the defendants.

The M. W. D. board drafted a statement denying the union's demands. Following is the board's statement:

"August 13, 1937.

"Under date of July 2, 1937, this Board issued a 'Notice to Employees' which, among other things, contained the following declarations:

"It is unlawful for the District to enter into any agreement which will limit or restrict the right of citizens qualified for the work and residing within the District to obtain employment on the Colorado River Aqueduct.

"This Board cannot and will not restrict employment to members of any single Union any more than it would exclusively reserve all the jobs for members of a certain church or of a political organization.

"The responsibility for the construction of the Aqueduct is by law imposed on the Board of Directors.

"This Board has not and will not foster, encourage, discourage, or oppose the joining of any lawful organization by any of its employees; nor will this Board in any manner favor or discriminate against any employee or group of employees because of membership or non-membership in any organization.

"It will continue to be the policy of this Board to treat with the representatives of any group of employees or any individual employee, through the staff of the General Manager and Chief Engineer, regarding working conditions or terms of employment."

"Since the last readjustment of wages no complaint has been presented to this Board relating to wage scales, hours of work, or working conditions.

"The Board is now asked to subscribe to a written agreement entitled:

"Agreement entered into by and between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, hereinafter known as the District, and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Local No. 270, hereinafter known as the Union."

"The proposed agreement provides that the Union be recognized as the sole bargaining agent for all employees below the rank of superintendent; that permanent committees be set up to settle controversies; that Union members be given preference in increasing or decreasing forces, and that this be done with Union co-operation; that cause of dismissals be stated, and that in the event of dispute, the matter be settled by agreement, presumptively with the Union committee; that in increasing or decreasing forces, seniority in the division control over capability and physical fitness; that disqualification of employees on medical grounds be subject to review by physicians not an the employ of or responsible to the District.

"These requests are inconsistent with the policy stated in the Notice to Employees hereinbefore mentioned.

"In addition to such requests, the proposed agreement provides for certain matters which are not in conflict with the District's declaration of policy, but which are now being handled under the existing practice, substantially in accordance with the requests made. These include avoidance of discrimination because of unionism or non-unionism, settlement of disputes by committee action, District co-operation in the matter of minimizing hours spent underground, and in maintaining and improving safety conditions.

"The proposed agreement also provides for vacations on pay for employees paid by the day, and who have been employed by the District for more than one year. This is not a customary practice in work of the character here involved and therefore cannot be granted.

"The proposed agreement also provides that measures be taken to obtain for employees the benefits of the Social Security Act. Employees of public corporations, of which the District is one, are excluded by the terms of the law, from the Social Security Act. It is beyond the power of the District to modify this situation.

"The principles set out in the Notice to Employees of July 2, 1937, are reaffirmed. It has been and is the desire of the officers of the District to work in harmony with its employees and to advance their interests and preserve their safety. However, the responsibility for the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct cannot

be delegated, or the discretion of the officers of the District impaired, by agreement with any outside agency.

"The request that the District subscribe to the proposed agreement is therefore respectfully denied.

"THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA."

"Approved by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. August 13, 1937."

General Manager Weymouth issued the following statement:

"A C.I.O. union has called a strike on the San Jacinto tunnel of the Colorado River aqueduct and is now engaged in picketing this job. The strike of these union members was called on Saturday evening after a delegation from that group appeared before the board of directors on Friday with a number of demands which they declared must be granted in the form of a written agreement not later than 7 p. m., Friday.

"In this connection I desire to make clear the following important points:

"First: Work on the San Jacinto tunnel has not been shut down. All essential maintenance work including the operation of tunnel pumps and other utilities is being carried forward by working crews selected and employed by the district. This maintenance work is not being done by the strikers, and so long as they remain in the classification of strikers these men will not be permitted to do any safety work or any other work on the tunnels.

"Second: Work on the San Jacinto tunnel shall continue to go forward. The district is prepared to employ all necessary lawful measures to insure the uninterrupted progress of this essential public work.

"Third: Work on the San Jacinto tunnel is temporarily handicapped due to the operations of the strikers. However, excavation work is in progress at the Lawrence adit, this work being carried forward by regular tunnel workmen who voluntarily reported this morning for the day shift. Excavation work at Cabazon and Potrero shafts will be resumed as soon as working crews have been organized.

"Fourth: District officials are convinced that a small minority of the tunnel workers are responsible for the strike. I believe that the large majority of the men will return to work promptly.

"Fifth: Work on other features of aqueduct construction, extending all the way from Parker dam on the Colorado river to the thirteen cities in the district, has not been affected by the strike called at San Jacinto tunnel.

"Sixth: The citizens and taxpayers of the district have given the district officers a mandate to complete construction of the aqueduct. For more than four years this work has been diligently carried forward. The district has maintained the highest standards of living and safety conditions. The men on the San Jacinto tunnel are being paid wages considerably higher than the average wages paid for similar work in other tunnel and mining operations.

"The strikers have presented no complaints concerning wages or safety and housing conditions.

"They have demanded that Local 270 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Union be recognized as the sole bargaining agency for all the workmen on the tunnel, and that members of their union be employed in preference to other men. This the district's board of directors has refused to do. The district is a governmental body. It cannot and it will not enter into any agreement that will restrict the right of citizens qualified for work and residing within the district to obtain employment on the aqueduct.

"The district and its officers have no quarrel with any union. The district and its officers have not and will not foster, encourage, discourage, or oppose the joining of any lawful organization by any of its employees; nor will the district in any manner favor or discriminate against any employee or group of employees because of membership or non-membership in any organization."

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